

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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FROM: DISTRICT ATTORNEY

SUBMITTAL DATE:

January 30, 2006

SUBJECT: Approval in principle for the Department of Facilities Management, Real Estate Division, to locate suitable office space for the District Attorney for a Family Justice Center.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: 1) That the Board of Supervisors authorize the Dept. of Facilities Mgt. Real Estate Division to locate approximately 4,000 square feet of office space in the downtown Indio area for a Family Justice Center. 2) That the Board combine this request with the In Principle approved on September 28, 2004; Board Agenda Number 3.15 referring to the Family Justice Centers countywide.

BACKGROUND: Every seven seconds in the United States a woman is physically abused in her home. One quarter of all women will experience partner violence at some time in their life.

(See next page for continuation)

[Signature]
GROVER TRASK, District Attorney

FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ N/A	In Current Year Budget:	Yes
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ N/A	Budget Adjustment:	N/A
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ N/A	For Fiscal Year:	05/06

SOURCE OF FUNDS: District Attorney Budget	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE

County Executive Office Signature *Sally A. Deason*

- Policy
- Policy
- Consent
- Consent
- Dep't Recomm.:
- Per Exec. Ofc.:

Prev. Agn. Ref.: 3.15; 9/28/04

District: 4

Agenda Number:

3.7

Reviewed by CIP TEAM
Departmental Concurrence

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The Victim/Witness Assistance Division of the Riverside County District Attorney's Office provides support services to crime victims in Riverside County. Advocates work closely with the attorneys and investigators to minimize the impact of the criminal justice system upon the lives of victims, witnesses, and their families by helping them overcome the effects of crime and guiding them through the criminal justice process. The largest caseload within the Division, not surprisingly given the statistics, is domestic violence related cases. Law enforcement calls for assistance in these cases have increased 20% from 1999 to 2002 in Riverside County. The DA's Office in 2003 filed 4,896 domestic violence related cases. Community service providers Alternatives to Domestic Violence and Shelter From the Storm provided over 11,000 services to victims of domestic violence.

Currently domestic violence victims seeking safety, justice, and legal assistance must locate any number of agencies to access the necessary and needed services. Victims often spend days, and sometimes weeks trying to obtain the necessary services. For many victims being sent from one agency to another is so over whelming they merely give up and return to an abusive relationship and/or do not receive the necessary services or intervention.

The Riverside County District Attorney's Office, in collaboration with key partners, is proposing to establish a Family Justice Center in Indio with convenient open door access for all victims of domestic violence and their children in order to reduce trauma, provide optimum community response, and to ultimately end domestic violence in Riverside County. These key partners include:

- Riverside Police Department
- Indio Police Department
- Riverside County Sheriff
- Department of Public Social Services
- Public Services Law Corporation
- Shelter from the Storm
- Alternatives to Domestic Violence
- Riverside Area Rape Crisis Center
- Probation Department
- SAFE
- Inland Counties Legal Services
- Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians
- Morongo Band of Mission Indians

The creation of the Center in Indio, will enhance current services and improve access to services for victims. It will be operated by partnerships of multi-disciplinary agencies and non-profit organizations with each partner providing staff on-site to provide services in a safe, secure, and private environment.

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Services will include legal representation and assistance; victim/ witness services; court accompaniment; crisis intervention; hospital accompaniment; assistance with emergency shelter and transitional housing; information and referral; and access to law enforcement and prosecutors.

The Family Justice Center in Riverside opened on March 23, 2005. Since that time over 350 victims have received service and more than 1,000 different types of services have been provided by all partners. The Family Justice Center in Murrieta is scheduled to open in February 2006.

The District Attorney requests that the Board of Supervisors approve "In Principle" the authority for the Department of Facilities Management, Real Estate Division, to locate suitable office space in the downtown Indio office market for the Family Justice Center in Indio. The offices of the District Attorney contacted the Real Estate Division, and requested that the Real Estate Division assess the space requirements and calculate the square footage necessary the Family Justice Center. Based upon input from the District Attorney's office, the Real Estate Division calculated that the Family Justice Center requires approximately 4,000 square feet. The going rate in the downtown Indio area is \$1.50 a square foot. The approximate monthly rental cost would be \$6,000.

The district attorney will absorb the cost of the lease cost and associated cost of this lease in their budget.

Telephone and data line communications will be needed. The Department of Information Services has estimated the costs at approximately \$30,000.



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ENDORSEMENT District Attorney Leased Space in the County of Riverside

The Department of Facilities Management concurs with this request from the District Attorney to procure leased space in the city of Indio for a Family Justice Center

The information listed below is used as an estimate in determining this Endorsement:

Lead Time:	Up to one (1) year.
Square Footage:	Approximately 4,000 total square feet.
Term:	Approximately five (5) years.
Lease Rate:	To be negotiated.
Utilities:	Electrical and telephone to be paid by County, Lessor to pay for all others.
Custodial:	Included in monthly rent.
Interior/Exterior Maintenance:	Included in monthly rent.
Tenant Improvements:	To be negotiated.
Voice/Data:	Approximately \$30,000.00.


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Department of Facilities Management

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To alleviate the shortage of office space, the District Attorney requests that the Board of Supervisors approve "In Principle" the authority for the Department of Facilities Management, Real Estate Division, to locate suitable office space in the Indio downtown office market for the Training Division and Investigative Bureau. The offices of the District Attorney contacted the Department of Facilities Management, Real Estate Division, and requested that the Real Estate Division assess the space requirements and calculate the square footage necessary for the Training Division and Bureau of Investigations. Based upon input from the District Attorney's office, the Real Estate Division calculated that both divisions require approximately 10,000 square feet. The going rate in the downtown Indio area is \$1.50 a square foot. The approximate monthly rental cost would be \$15,000. Moving the Investigative Bureau and adding a Training Division is considered the most viable solution at this time, as the sections within the units can operate autonomously, if necessary, as a group outside the main district attorney offices. The Bureau of Investigations, Indio branch, is comprised of one assistant chief investigator, and supervising investigators, who manage or supervise the following units: Trial Preparation, Domestic Violence, Gangs, Career Criminal, Major Crimes, Dispatch, Juvenile Division, Homicide Unit, SACA/ASA/STAT RAPE, Criminal Special Investigations, Indian Affairs, Elder Abuse, Raid Task Force, Administrative Investigations, Student Interns and Clerical Support. These sections are of sufficient size and can maintain their autonomy away from the main district attorney offices. This will make available the necessary office space to be absorbed by the Criminal Division in the existing facility.

Deputy district attorneys must attend 25 hours of training within a three year period. Most of this training is provided in-house, which saves the cost of paying for outside training. The district attorney's office sponsors California District Attorney Association (CDAA) training on a regular basis. Some of this training can actually generate revenue for the County. There are approximately 50 attorneys that would attend training. Training for local law enforcement agencies is conducted for issues such as sex crimes, gangs, homicide, insurance fraud, multi-discipline team meetings with Child Protective Services (CPS) and Adult Protective Services (APS), and asset forfeiture in an effort to keep line officers informed of current legal and contemporary issues. Task Force meetings are held in district attorney facilities, as Indio is centrally located in the Coachella Valley.

The cost of the monthly lease and moving costs will be covered through the district attorney's annual budget.

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If additional off site office space is acquired, the Training Division and Investigative Bureau will require telephone and data communication improvements. The costs of which has been estimated by the Department of Information Technology. The estimated data and communications costs are \$66,466.